



**F**inding, that diverse of the Army under my command, are not only daily Spoiled and Robbed, but also sometimes barbarously and inhumanely butchered and slain, by a sort of Out-laws and Robbers, not under the discipline of any Army: And finding, that all our tenderneſſe to the Countrey produceth no better effect, then their compliance with, and protection of ſuch perſons. And conſidering that it is in the power of the Countrey to detect and diſcover them, (many of them being Inhabitants of thoſe places where commonly the out-rage is committed,) and perceiving that their motion is ordinarily by the invitation, and according to Intelligence given them by Countrey-men; I do therefore Declare, that whereſoever any under my command, ſhall be hereafter robbed or ſpoiled by ſuch Parties, I will require Life for Life, and a plenary ſatisfaction for their Goods, of thoſe Pariſhes and Places where the fact ſhall be committed, unleſs they ſhall diſcover and produce the offender. And this I wiſh all perſons to take notice of, that none may plead ignorance.

*Given under my hand at Edinburgh, the fifth of November, 1650.*

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